

September 2, 2009

Meeting began at 8:05 p.m.

Present: Bill Muse, Mayor; Gladys LeFevre, Dennis Bertucci, Wendell Roundy, Council Members; Judi Davis, Clerk.

Absent: Randy Ripplinger.

Public Present: Tom Jerome, Bob and Naomi Brems, Bobbie Cleave, Matt Cochran and Constance Lynn, Ashley Coombs, Denise Pennington.

Pledge of allegiance

Gladys made a motion we approve the minutes of August 6 as presented. Dennis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Tom and Bobbie, representing the Planning Commission, discussed a proposal to change the Zoning Ordinance to allow composting toilets. Tom, referencing Ordinance 59, Chapter 10, Section 1009 (p. 57), reported there is no specific restriction against composting toilets. State regulations don't mention composting toilets (R317-401), but they do regulate wastewater. He called the Southwest Utah Public Health Department (SUPHD) and found they would rather have people use septic systems but admitted that composting toilets are allowed and they will license them with certain restrictions, i.e. UL stickers, properly installed, especially because we don't have a wastewater treatment facility. In places that don't have wastewater treatment or where they are not suitable, this is an acceptable alternative. The PC will leave it up to the Town Council to decide how to handle the matter. Allowing them would require a change in the building permit process.

Bobbie reported that Torrey allows them. They don't specifically address them in their ordinances but leave it between the person and the Health Department. She asked if it would be helpful to insert into our ordinance something like the following statement: "Composting toilets as alternative waste disposal systems are allowed under the Universal Plumbing Code and must be certified by the manufacturer to comply with the entirety of the National Sanitation Foundation's Standard 41 and must pass inspection by the Southwest Utah Public Health Department." Or, we could leave the ordinance alone and just leave the use of them between an individual and the SUPHD. Facts about the toilets were discussed, and Wendell asked if they would be inspected periodically by anyone to make sure they were still in working order. Tom said they would not need any more inspection than a septic system would. Wendell wondered who would know if it doesn't work. Would it then become just a hole in the ground? The new units are electric, and some have heat. There is no odor. (Peg Smith came.)

Tom said that wastewater and water conservation are becoming a concern, and more composting toilets are being used. The State has gray water regulations. There are provisions for the separate disposal of untreated gray water. Not included in this category is wastewater from kitchen sinks, dishwashers, garage floor drains, photo lab sinks, and other hazardous chemicals. If a gray water system is in place and a composting toilet is used, a smaller septic system would be required to process the water from the other (black water) sources. We can't pass ordinances that are less restrictive than State regulations. Another option would be to have a holding tank for the kitchen sink that could be dumped in a legal place periodically. Gray water still requires a disposal system. They are not illegal but must be inspected by the SUPHD. We will allow Blake to go through the process and will see how it works. Gladys made a motion we put the statement: "Composting toilets as alternative waste disposal systems are allowed under the Universal Plumbing Code and must be certified by the manufacturer to comply with the entirety of the National Sanitation Foundation's Standard 41 and must pass inspection by the Southwest Utah Public Health Department" on the building permit for now. Dennis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

We need an employee to do odds and ends maintenance projects. In the process of cleaning the willows along the roadside, the brush hog became inoperable, so the project needs to be finished with a backhoe or trackhoe. We've advertised for this kind of help before with no one coming forth. It needs to be an employee rather than a contractor so we can cover him with workers' compensation. We'll offer \$12/hour and will cover the employee with workers' compensation insurance. Use of equipment needs to be billed to the town by the equipment owner. Dennis made a motion we hire Doran Lyman at a starting salary of \$12/hour and put him on our workers' compensation policy to do whatever we assign him to do. Gladys seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Some months ago a sign permit application for a third sign for Gibbs Smith was approved on the condition it not be installed until the first two signs are brought into compliance. It is felt that he has been given more than enough time to fix the first two signs. We will ask our attorney to send him a letter giving him 30 days to bring the signs into compliance.

The Van Quill's road/fence complaint (see last month's minutes) was discussed. Bob stated that Steve can't make a turn in the remaining space because of a utility pole in the right-of-way which further restricts his usable road space. He thinks it would be proper to move the fence back to Camille's property line. The attorney's advice says it is our choice—there is no clear law requiring that it be moved or allowed to stay. In the interest of peace, if Doug is willing, we will ask him to move it back, especially because of the pole.

We have the stop signs for the curve by Stouts' but will let Doran finish cleaning the willows before installing them. We will meet with Farlan and Ray to decide on proper placement.

Gladys reported that the County is hauling more gravel. She would like Wendell to have them haul a couple of loads to the cemetery for the center road. If we want to renovate the building, this is the year to do it. Bill, Gladys and Judi will try to go to the training meetings for two grants.

One building permit was issued to Keith Watts and Lisa Varga for a solar installation.

Dennis will vote our Boulder Farmstead Water Company proxy.

Gladys made a motion the meeting adjourn. Wendell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.